

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Klaus Hofmann) Group Art Unit: 3657
Serial No: 10/567,305) Examiner: Melanie Torres Williams
Filed: July 19, 2006) Confirmation No.: 4896
FOR: CLAMPING OR BRAKING DEVICE)

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed October 6, 2008, in the above-identified patent application, and is filed within the first month following the three-month shortened statutory period for response set in the Office Action. A petition for a one-month extension of time is submitted herewith and the appropriate extension fee is submitted concurrently.

Please amend the application as follows: